

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1161
By Turner (Ham)

A RESOLUTION to commend Dr. Terry Holmes for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee and to congratulate him on his recent appointment as Clinical Director of the Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the availability of quality health care is vital to our society, and Tennessee is blessed with many dedicated, public-spirited men and women who have devoted their lives and careers to providing the best in health care to the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Terry Holmes is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; on December 15, 2001, he was named the Clinical Director of the Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Dr. Holmes has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, Dr. Holmes graduated from the Baylor College of Medicine and completed a psychiatric residency at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, as a veteran of the United States Air Force, he holds a respected position among the many patriotic men and women who have defended our nation and our freedom throughout American history; and

WHEREAS, he earned the respect and admiration of both his peers and superior officers before taking a well-deserved retirement from the Air Force in 1994; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the military, Dr. Holmes entered private practice and served with acumen and alacrity as Director of the Inpatient Psychiatric Unit at Columbia Park Hospital in McMinnville; and

WHEREAS, countless Tennesseans have benefited from Dr. Holmes's application of his vast knowledge and expertise in psychiatry; and

WHEREAS, in August 1997, he joined the Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute as a Staff Psychiatrist in the Acute Care Program; and

WHEREAS, a talented leader, he has coordinated the Medical Staff's quality improvement program, in addition to performing his duties as a physician; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holmes is a highly respected expert in his field and frequently serves as a keynote speaker at mental health conferences and workshops, in addition to maintaining a private practice in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holmes's remarkable success as a physician and administrator is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holmes is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holmes is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Dr. Terry Holmes for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and congratulate him upon his recent appointment as Clinical Director of the Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Dr. Holmes much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.